

(U//FOUO) Minnesota Vikings 2018 Season Risk Assessment

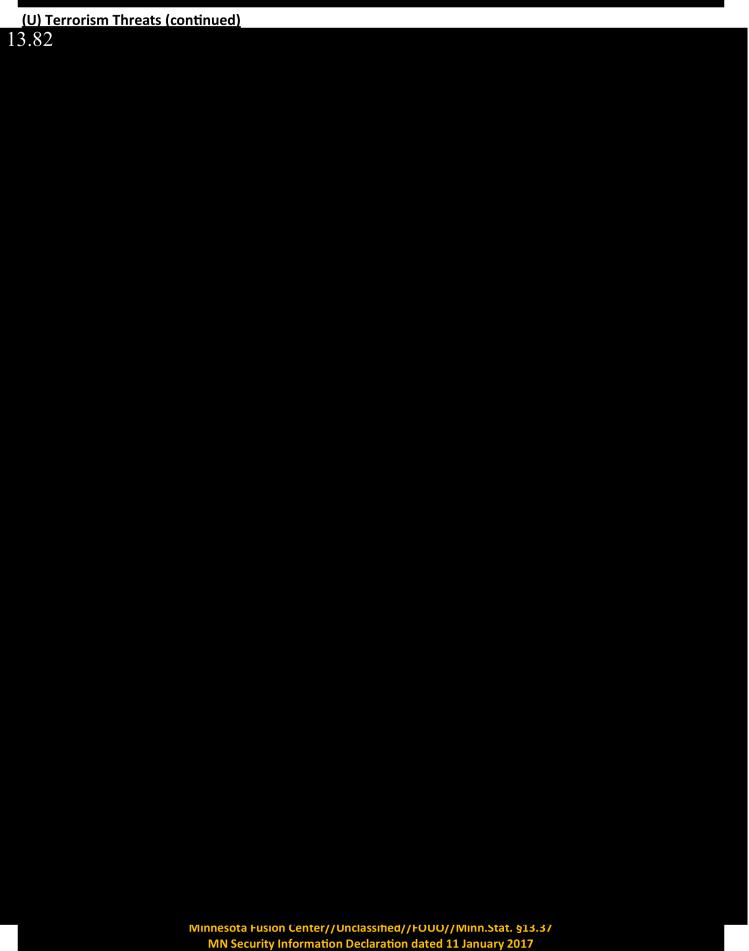


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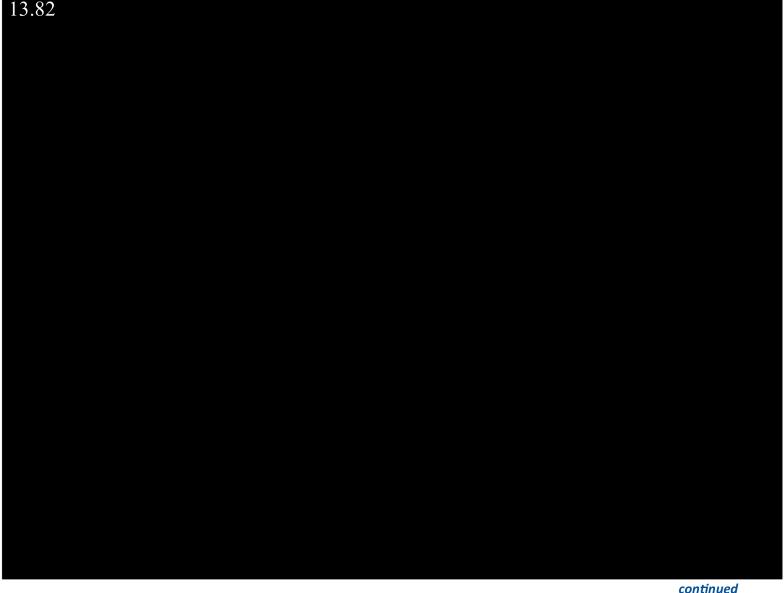
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(U) Demonstrations/Counter-Protests (continued)

(U//FOUO) The MNFC has no information on planned protest activity during the 2018 Vikings season at this time. However, during the 2017 NFL Season there were standing protests near US Bank Stadium in support of the #TakeAKnee campaign inspired by NFL Quarterback Colin Kaepernick. The national anthem debate continues to be a topic of heightened interest to players, press, and protesters, and could continue to draw protest activity near or at US Bank Stadium before, during, or after MN Vikings' games.

(U//FOUO) During the 2016 NFL Season, demonstrators gained unauthorized access to a restricted area at US Bank Stadium in order to hang a banner in support of the #NODAPL cause against pipeline construction in North Dakota. Currently, protests routinely occur in Minnesota against the replacement of the "Line 3" Enbridge pipeline through northern Minnesota. Given previous protests against pipeline activity, the MNFC assesses the likelihood of anti-pipeline demonstrations near or at US Bank Stadium is likely.

(U//FOUO) On 04 February 2018, Super Bowl Sunday, at three sites near and around downtown Minneapolis, activists successfully disrupted event activities by blocking streets, light-rail trains and, briefly, a US Bank Stadium entrance.



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